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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JM, CU

SUBJECT: JAMAICA-CUBA TRADE

REF: KINGSTON 307

1. FYI. WITH JAMAICAN OFFICIALS TALKING ABOUT SELLING MORE SUGAR TO US IN RESPONSE TO OUR JANUARY 11 CALL FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES ON FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT JAMAICA'S DECISION TO IMPORT 10,000 TONS OF REFINED SUGAR FROM CUBA FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IS VIEWED IN WASHINGTON WITH CERTAIN DEGREE OF INCREDULITY. NEVERTHELESS, DECISION ON MATTER RESTS WITH JAMAICA AND SO LONG AS TRANSACTION DOES NOT TRIGGER US LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS, STATEMENTS ON OUR PART
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FOLLOWING ON YOUR PRESS INTERVIEW (KINGSTON 258) WOULD

APPEAR ILL-ADVISED AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. END FYI.

2. SECTION 103(D) OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954 (P.L. 480), AS AMENDED, REQUIRES TERMINATION OF TITLE I PROGRAM IF A GOVERNMENT RECEIVING TITLE I AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES SELLS OR FURNISHES OR PERMITS SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO TRANSPORT TO OR FROM CUBA ANY EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR COMMODITIES SO LONG AS CUBA IS GOVERNED BY A COMMUNIST

REGIME. IN VIEW OF THIS PROVISION, CHARGE SHOULD CONTACT PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINEX STAFF TO CLARIFY WHETHER GOJ IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SUGAR TRANSACTION AND WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR SUPPLY OF THE CUBAN SUGAR AND THE LATER RETURN OF JAMAICAN SUGAR.

3. YOUR APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN LOW KEY. REPORT FINDINGS ASAP. KISSINGER

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